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Swavesey Camera Club

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Annual Photographic Exhibition

With our Annual Spring Exhibition now an established event in the Swavesey year, this is our opportunity to demonstrate our skills to the public. Participation by all is encouraged and in addition to prints, there will be a continuous display of projected images and AV presentations. Greetings cards will be on sale with all the proceeds from the card sales going to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

As in previous years we host an Open Photographic Competition within our Annual Exhibition. Our aim is to encourage photography amongst everyone in the local community. The Competition is open to any non-professional photographers and can be on any subject (but no selfies). Prizes will be awarded in three categories; junior school age, senior school age and adults.

Further details can be found on our website: www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

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EDITORIAL

As I write this the sun is shining from a clear blue sky and leads to thoughts of summer, well spring anyway! The chance to get out and about more with lighter evenings and hopefully nicer weather. Raining? turn to your Meridian and look to see what is happening in your village , and close by. We try to let you know as a much as we can what is and has been going on, but unless you send us the information in good time for our deadline we cannot do it. We have had some items lately that have only just made the deadline – so please try to plan ahead. In an age of instant communication I know that our deadlines seem rather difficult but we need time to put your Meridian together.

Articles have to be put in the right places, adverts have to be moved in or out or to a different page sometimes we need to go back to a contributor and ask for a change/alteration. Once the magazine is "ready" it has to be proof read for errors and then these need correcting so it is not a short process. The printer needs time to print it and our delivery team need time to deliver it. Complicated isn't it?

Deadline for the June/July issue is **20th April**!! so get news of all those summer activities to us as soon as you can.

Editor.

Cover Image - Black-Headed Gull by Edwin Parish
Inside Front Cover - Camera Club Exhibition
Inside Back Cover - 5 Pub Challenge & Meridian Meander
Back Cover - Sylivia

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 30 March 2019	Community Choir	Spring Sing 6.pm in St Andrews Church - Free Entry
Saturday 11 May 2019	April Burgess Martin School of Ballet	SYLVIA (a ballet by Delibes) - 3.15pm & 7.30pm at Swavesey Venue - Tickets £9 - Family Ticket (2 Adults + 2 Children or Senior Citizens £30) - Bookings: tutusrus@ntlworld.com 01954 200533
Sunday 04 August 2019	St Andrews Church	Wind in the Willows performance
Saturday 16 November 2019	St Andrews Church	New Cambridge Singers concert
Friday 22 November 2019	St Andrews Church	A Christmas Carol Theatre performance
Saturday 30 November 2019	St Andrews Church	Advent Craft Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March		
Saturday 30	Community Choir	Spring Sing 6pm in St Andrews Church - Free Entry
April		
Thursday 4	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 11	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Thursday 11	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 18	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 26	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Visit to Hardwick Wood led By Vince Lea (Warden) - Meet at Car Park at Toft Village Centre at 2.00pm and then be relayed to Hardwick Wood
Saturday 27	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Saturday)
Monday 29	Parish Council	Full Council Meetings held at The Memorial Hall Commencing 7.30pm
May		
Friday 3	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection (Note Friday)
Thursday 9	Parish Council	Planning Meeting - 7.30pm, The Memorial Hall
Friday 10	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins (Note Friday)
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Thursday 16	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 20	Parish Council	Annual Parish Council (AGM)
Monday 20	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Exploring Ouse Fen led by Hannah Bernie (RSPB) - Meet at Over Community Centre Car Park at 2.00pm
Thursday 23	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
June		
Saturday 1	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Summer Coffee Morning - Bring & Buy Sale of Plants, Produce & Cakes - 10.30am – 12.30pm at Bethel Baptist Church
Saturday 8	St Andrews Church	Teddy Bear Zipwire

Copy needed please

The Meridian magazine would benefit from more community involvement. Our village magazine is sometimes criticised for having too many adverts, but we can't reduce their number because adverts pay the £7,000 per year needed for printing. The best we can hope for is to reduce their impact by interspersing them with more general interest items and this is where we need your help.

Firstly, we need regular reports and articles from clubs and societies please so that residents can read about where you meet, what you do, what you have achieved and what you are going to do next. These are better if they are short and concise and have a certain amount of information about what is happening in the future rather than the past.

Secondly, and all Swavesey residents can do this, we would like interesting short articles and stories as fillers to make people want to read The Meridian. With a population of over 2,500 this shouldn't be difficult. Send us whatever you like, such as a report of your memorable holiday last year or an amusing incident when you went to dinner with friends recently or something of a more sober nature about your work. If it relates to a time of year do try to fit it with our deadlines so for example a Christmas one would need to be with us in October! And an Easter one in February and summer ones in April!

The Meridian Committee has had this brilliant idea for a series which could run and run for years entitled "Where I grew up". You will find the first pace-setting story from Selwyn, our Distribution Manager, on page 00 and we would like at least one similar report in each issue. In fact, to keep the ball rolling into the summer, and as a demonstration of his youthful enthusiasm, he has split his story into two parts. Whether you grew up in Swavesey or elsewhere in the UK or abroad our readers will be interested to hear about your early life. So, send us your personal story in about 500 to 700 words please to break up the adverts. End it with your initials if you don't want your full name in print.

Thanks everyone. The copy deadline for the next issue is always shown at the end of the Editorial.

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey Over Fifties Group

We are a small, friendly group which meets in the Community Room in Thistle Green on the first Friday of each month from 2.30 pm. We would welcome new members, and if you can't join us at our regular meetings, we also have several outings a year using Dial-a-Ride.

Dates of future outings are Thursdays 9th May, 4th July, 12th September, 7th November and 12th December 2019. The driver can collect you from your home. Destinations of these outings will be decided at future normal meetings.

For more information please telephone Mrs Margaret Ardley on 200742.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN

Yes, it is already time to prepare for our Annual Exhibition; please find details in this magazine, and please remember to put Saturday, 27th April in your diary. Everyone is very welcome, we hope it will be another enjoyable day for the whole village, and we promise to have plenty of tea, coffee and homemade cakes.

After our exhibition we are nearing the end of our club year, only 6 meetings, as the College will be closed for Easter and Half Term. Included in these are two evenings which would be of interest to many, especially 'Looking Local' by Chris Shepherd. He is inspired by the coastline and woodlands of Essex, much of which will be familiar to us. This will be on 25th April, and on 9th May Ian Kippax will show a selection of his work. Ian is a past winner of The National Historic Ships Competition. We have another Members' Night on 16th May when the more confident photographers amongst us stand up and show us how it is done.

The prestigious Bamber Trophy will be held on 4th April, a set of 5 digital projected images to show the widest range of topics and skills as possible, always a challenge. The winner of this trophy has a justifiable claim to be a fine all-rounder. On 2nd May we have our 'Pairs' competition, when our more established members pair up with those relatively less experienced, producing a joint set of digital images; these will be judged together by Chris Fell. Our last competition is 'Image of the Year', when we review all this year's winning images and decide which is the most outstanding.

We have had several exciting outings this year; Anita has managed to find some extras as the opportunity arises, such as a visit to Stretham Old Mill on the last day of March. The formal programme still has two to come: Key Gardens on Sunday, 14th April, and Pensthorpe Natural Park in Norfolk on Sunday, 26th May.

That is almost it for the year except the AGM on 6th June, and the Annual Dinner and Prize-giving on 13th June. Then we have all summer to capture the perfect image in time for our new programme in 2019/20.

W.I. News

Diary Dates	
April 8th	Namibia. A film presentation by Neville Tait and Simon Shore on their recent trip to Namibia.
May 13th	Talk by Boxworth Botanics.
June 10th	Superstitions!! Come along and find out more.

Swavesey W.I. Are very sad to report that three members of our W.I. have passed away recently.

Ann Shepperson, a long standing loyal member over the years held many positions of office i.e. President/Secretary. Ann enjoyed W.I. very much indeed and always supported all its activities.

Joan Williams from Over was also a long standing loyal member, who attended W.I regularly and joined in with great interest.

Lilian Barraud will be sadly missed too. Lilian who lived in St.Ives attended meetings with her daughter.

If you are interested in coming along to one of our meetings or finding out more about us, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897.

We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.
Take a look at the Memorial Hall Notice Board to keep up to date with all our activities.

Every second Thursday we can be found at Compass Cafe serving fresh coffee and our amazing selection of homemade cakes.

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.
To take part in this popular competition phone
Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	January 2019	February 2019
First prize	60	W Norton	Linda Mayer
Second prize	30	D Hackshaw	Marie Dickman
Third prize	15	M Bentley	Margaret Springer

So a new year begins on the allotments

Spring is a time when all allotmenteers look forward to the new growing season, buying seeds, chitting potatoes and planning where the plants will go on the plot. Of course some of us have already planted autumn onions and garlic and these are well up by now.

We wonder what the weather will bring this year, 2018 was a peculiar year with the beast from the east followed by over 100 mm of rain in April/May and then just 7 mm in June and July. The cold weather was welcome because it kills off pests and diseases as well as helping to break up the soil but it meant planting time was delayed and then, as the young plants developed, frantic watering to keep them alive. There is nothing quite like natural rain however and many plants just hung there and didn't develop until the weather broke in August. From then on it was a mad dash for some plants to complete their growth cycle in time. A row of beetroot planted during the dry spell and diligently watered didn't germinate until after the August rains and then it was too late.

So what went well. Runner beans like moist conditions for the bean to set so many members didn't harvest a bean until mid August but then were picking into October. Potatoes seem unphased by the dry conditions but perhaps the roots go far enough down to pick up moisture. Soft fruit such as currants and gooseberries were prolific and thrived in the hot dry weather, strawberries are earlier fruiting so weren't too affected but the raspberries faired poorly and many just shrivelled on the canes. Those with autumn fruiting varieties generally got a good late crop. Warmth loving plants such as tomatoes, peppers and sweetcorn enjoyed the hot weather but needed regular watering. However surprisingly the amount of water used was less than in previous wetter summers, was this because plot holders are becoming more discerning about which plants needed water and which send their roots down far enough to find some for themselves. Or was it due to the fact that at times it was just too hot to put in the effort.

So 2019 has started with some good frosts and early spring like weather, will it last, will we get an earlier start this year only time will tell but it is good to see, walking around the site that all plots have had some progress made. The new members, of which there have been about 10 in the past two years, deserve special mention as they have all put in a good deal of effort turning neglected plots around. Long may their keenness carry on.

It would be remiss not to mention the debt of gratitude we owe to the outgoing chairman despite the interesting self assessment of his tenure reported in the last Meridian. Without his drive and guidance we would not have the excellent site the members now enjoy.

Football News

Congratulations to Swavesey based level 5 referee Simon Dawson whose performances in 2018/19 in adult football have earned him the honour of refereeing one of the Cambridgeshire FA county finals this season.

Simon only started his career with the whistle 7 years ago to help out Spartans when his 3 children chose football over his beloved hockey. He continues to support the club by helping out most weekends and refines his skills having reflected on the constructive advice provided from the Spartans touchline..... well done Simon.

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An update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Group Activities

Visitors to Fen Drayton Lakes who have walked our Ferry Lagoon Trail may well have noticed a sign along the southern side of the lake, adjacent to the guided busway, marking our 'Discovery Zone'. This peninsula boasts impressive views across the lake and is the reserve activity area used by local schools and youth groups. Here children can get up close and personal to nature, particularly invertebrates, by pond dipping in the lake, going mini-beast hunting around the log piles and leaf litter, den building, and undertaking other outdoor activities.

We have a self-led approach whereby we give you access to the Discovery Zone classroom housing all the equipment needed and leave you to it, although additional support can be provided if required.

It is a great time to be outdoors enjoying nature so if you run a local group, regardless of age, and would like to come and use the Discovery Zone, please get in touch.

Get involved....

Our events in 2019:

Dragonfly Walk
Go on a guided walk around the reserve to learn all about dragonflies and damselflies.
Sunday 21st July, 2-4pm. Booking required

Willow Weaving Workshops
Join us to learn how to use willow harvested at the reserve for weaving.
Sunday 8th Sept, 10am-4pm: garden obelisk
Sunday 8th Dec, 10am-4pm: Christmas decoration
Booking required

Stargazing
Join experts from the Cambridge Astronomical Association on a stargazing evening at the lakes.
Saturday 12th Oct, 8:30-9:30pm. Booking required

Wednesday Wander
Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of each month. There's no need to book and it only costs £3 for members and £4 for others. Walkers meet at the main car park, leaving at 10:15am.

Volunteering

We always need help to keep on top of our lengthy jobs list, keep our trails safe, and our bird feeders topped up. If you'd like to find out about our volunteering opportunities, please get in touch.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk
Phone: 01954 233260

Visit **rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes**

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity:
England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654

Swavesey & District History Society

January meeting. More than 60 members and visitors attended a presentation by John Vigar from Fincham, near Downham Market. John is one of the country's leading Ecclesiastical Historians and has visited over 13,000 Anglican churches in E&W. His title was "Murder, sex and mayhem in English churches", giving surprising depictions of the macabre in paint, stone, wood and glass and the stories behind them.

The largest single category of murders in churches is of the Saints. St Catherine was martyred in the early 4th century at around the age of 18. She was condemned to die on a spiked wheel but the wheel broke and she was beheaded instead. The church painting showed all the gory details. Several churches display paintings of St Edmund of Bury St Edmunds tied to a tree and shot through by many arrows in the 9th century. Preston Park church in East Sussex has one of the most vivid paintings of the murder of St Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral.

The Mouth of Hell was a terrifying medieval image of a great beast, whose enormous open jaws were the gateway into Hell. Several images of "Dooms" showing souls being pushed into the jaws of Hell were presented as examples of mayhem, one of the clearest being a large carving at Horning church on the edge of the Broads. Great Yarmouth has the largest parish church in England and an etching inside shows mayhem at an event in the early 1800s when 150 people fell from one side of a suspension bridge, of whom 80 drowned. They had been watching a man in a boat being towed up the river by four swans.

Sex is mostly shown in stone carvings. Many examples were shown of men and women pointing to and emphasising their own rude bits on display. Sometimes they were alone and sometimes in couples – not always of the opposite sex. Most were well endowed and clearly proud of what they had been blessed with. However, their faces were distorted as those of beings out of this world and were intended as a warning against lust: don't do what these creatures are doing. In Willingham church** there is a carving of an imp looking down to scare off evil spirits. Seated on the ground, he has athletically pulled his legs up past his ears and is licking his own bum!

February Meeting. Talking Butts. Anthony Poulton-Smith. Unfortunately, there is no report because our reporter was not sufficiently mobile to attend.

Next meetings-

23 April. Archaeology of the Manea Colony: Fenland Utopia. Marcus Brittain

21 May. The seven deadly sins (and a few lively virtues). Dr Lynne Broughton

**Editor's note: Our Senior Reporter has visited and confirms this statue is on the left immediately inside the main entrance door at about 12 feet above ground.

Longstanton Bowls Club

Spring is here at last with the longer evenings and as usual at this time of year Longstanton Bowls Club is recruiting new members. Do you fancy some gentle exercise on a summer's evening? It doesn't matter if you haven't played Lawn Bowls before as we have plenty of members always willing to provide help and guidance. Everyone is welcome and our membership ranges from juniors to retirees and novices to experienced players.

We have many members from surrounding villages, including Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Northstowe, Bar Hill and Cottenham. Don't worry about equipment, as the club can assist with this – just wear flat shoes. We pride ourselves in being a friendly club where the enjoyment comes from taking part. Our bowls green is located on the recreation ground, between the Longstanton Pavilion and the tennis courts, Over Road, Longstanton.

Monday evenings are club roll-up nights, reserved for informal practice in a mildly competitive environment, ideal for beginners. We also have a fun league on Thursday afternoons where you even get points just for turning up!

The club plays in a number of inter-club leagues, some of which are more competitive than others. Away matches give members an opportunity to experience other club's greens and facilities in the Cambridge area. Most of our league matches are on the light summer evenings, starting at 6:30pm. There is also an afternoon league with matches starting at 2pm with a break for tea and biscuits halfway through, so it is all very sociable!

There is plenty of bowls to suit everyone so why not come along and give it a try? The outdoor season runs from late April to September. If you're tempted, please come along to our Open day on Saturday, 13th April 2019 (from 2pm) or alternatively, on Monday evenings in season (from 6pm) to meet some of the members and possibly try your hand. If you just want to watch, then that's fine too.

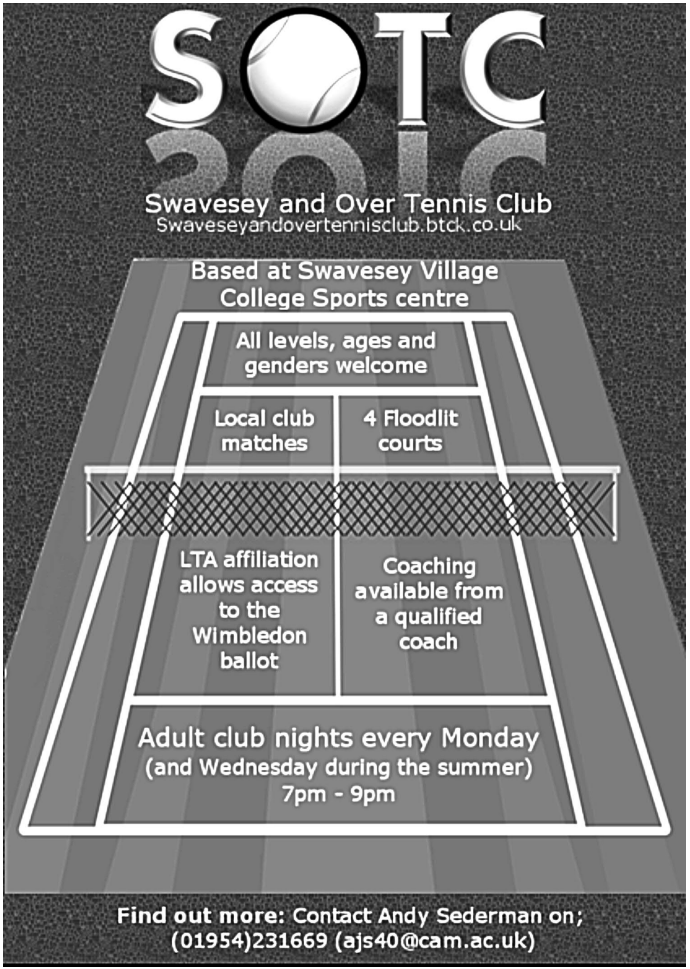
For more information visit contact Marion Edwards on 01954 780118 or email to marionedwards1@btinternet.com .

Also visit our web site www.longstanton-bowls-club.co.uk .

Swavesey & Over Conservation Society

Change of meeting venue

We will continue to meet at OVER TOWN HALL until the start of the Autumn meetings in September then for the foreseeable future our meetings will be held at:
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Middlewatch, Swavesey, CB24 4RP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Find out more: Contact Andy Sederman on;
(01954)231669 (ajs40@cam.ac.uk)

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BRoW4

BRoW4 is a non-profit fundraising group, made up entirely of volunteers. Between us we organise three events a year to raise money and awareness for non-Government or National Lottery funded charities. Contestants can choose to Bike Run or Walk with or without their 4-legged friends.

BRoW4 have organised a New Year's Dog Walk for the past three years to raise awareness and money for four dog-related charities; Dogs Trust, Medical Detection Dogs, Therapy Dogs Nationwide and Canine Partners. We recently held this very popular event again on Sunday 6th January 2019, at Hinchingbrooke Country Park, Huntingdon.

Despite the cold and the mud, lots of people registered to take part in one of the hourly guided two-mile walks around the park, taking in some of the beautiful scenery, and some of the dogs even decided to take a little swim!

After the walk was finished, the walkers had some hot homemade sausage rolls, drinks and treats to warm them back up again, before they looked at the various stalls that were set up both inside and outside the Countryside Centre. There was also a raffle with many lovely prizes on offer. The dogs weren't left out - they also were given plenty of treats.

Those without a dog were also welcomed to pop into the Countryside Centre, and we had a wide variety of stalls to tempt them with. Jams and preserves, handmade cards, jewellery, tombola, toys, and of course items for the dogs – we couldn't leave them out – were just a few of the things on offer.

BRoW4 is very proud to share that we raised over £600 from this event, which has been split equally between the four dog charities and would like to thank everyone that helped to make the event so successful, from the volunteers that manned the kitchen to the four-legged participants and all those in between. Due to the success of the event, we have already decided to hold this event again in 2020! Please check our website www.brow4.com for more information – we will add details about the 2020 event as soon as we have them, and we have details about our other events on the website as well.

If you would like to take part any of our events, or for more information about BRoW4 and what we do, please visit our website www.brow4.com. We are also on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/BRoW4fun/ where we post regular updates about what we are doing. We are always on the lookout for stalls and volunteers for our different events, so if you're interested in having a stall or volunteering, please do message us on Facebook for more details. You can also email us at info@brow4.com.

A Glance at the Past in April and May

From the Cambridge Chronicle

1791, 16 April. Sale of farmlands. To be sold by public auction at The White Horse, Swavesey, fifty three lands of wheat and fifty eight lands of peas & beans.

1811, 19 April. Prisoners of War in France. Collection amounted to £3-13-0 from the Parish of Swavesey.

1827, 20 April. Fisher Webster, Coal Merchant of Swavesey died aged 55.

1841, 1 May. Tender for Building Schoolrooms. Specifications from Mr. Walters Architect, 4 Trumpington St C/B. To be addressed to Rev. John Graham. The lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted and ample security of ability to carry the work will be required.

1855, 14 April. Cricket. On Tuesday last the cricketers started the season by several practice matches amongst themselves. In the evening they partook of an excellent supper at The Sun, and enjoyed themselves right merrily.

1855, 26 May. The Feast. On Monday & Tuesday last, it being feast time, some excellent ringing took place on the Swavesey Bells which very much enlivened the lads & lasses. It was better attended this year, attractions were more numerous. Amongst them were an exhibition of the siege of Sebastopol, the battle of Inkerman, the bombardment of Odessa with the fleet in motion, also a collection of waxwork figures.

1857, 9 May. School Treat, Baptisms, Sermons. On the 22nd ult, a treat was given to children of the Independent Schools by the master J. Metcalf. Old Baptist Chapel baptized 12 new members in the River Ouse at Holywell. Later a large party took tea in Mr. Richmond's barn. Rev. Elven gave two sermons in the New Baptist Chapel on Tuesday 5th inst.

1868, 18 April. Foundation Stone of New Chapel. Although the weather was cold and stormy the ceremony was performed last Thursday 9th inst., Rev. J.C. Wooster of Steventon, formerly of Swavesey conducted the prayers. G. Livet of Cambridge laid the stone. The meeting continued in the temporary chapel. A public tea was held and evening service in the Old Meeting House.

1884, 11 April. Fife and Drum Band. Fife and drum band lately formed is making good progress. There are about 40 members. On its last appearance

some of the village lads set fire to a couple of effigies purporting to be the late Liberal candidate for the County, whilst the band was playing The Two Obadiahs.

1887, 27 May. Fire. Fire broke out at 1 a.m. on Monday on premises adjoining the White Horse Hotel, resulting in great damage. The fire burned until 8 a.m. and several houses and outbuildings were destroyed. A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Thorpe burned to death. The scene of the fire was witnessed by many people who had gone to the village by reason of the Feast being held. Property insured with Westminster Fire Co.

1887, 27 May. Queen's Jubilee. Queen's Jubilee commenced with a procession of boys carrying flags from end to end of the village, with stops at intervals to sing God Save the Queen. At 2.30 p.m. about 300 children and the Jubilee Committee attended Church Service. Afterwards there was an abundant tea at the National School for the children, then the widows, widowers and poor of the Parish were entertained to tea. So much food was left over that about 100 outsiders were invited to finish it off. From 6 to 8.30 p.m. there were sports in the playground and prizes for these events. At 11 p.m. a huge bonfire was lit, to complete the celebrations.

1892, 8 April. Swavesey Cricket Club. Swavesey Cricket Club meeting held in National School last Monday, Mr. C. Cole in Chair. Accounts showed a balance of £2-1-1d. Nearly all the old officers re-elected. Several new members joined. Agreed to start the season on Easter Monday, game between married and single men of the village.

1894, 11 May. New Church Clock. The new clock made by Messrs. Dent, 61 Strand, London, was presented by Mr. G. Long J. P. as a memorial to his parents, Hanslip & Martha, for many years resident in this parish. Although Mr. G. long left the parish for some time he returned, and has lived here ever since. The Ven. Archdeacon of Ely performed the opening ceremony which took place at evening service.

1898, 27 May. Sunday Closing. The result of the canvas of opinions on this question. For closing 137, against closing 17, Neutral 17, Blank papers 23.

1898, 27 May. Feast. This has been Feast Week and upwards of 60 vans etc. were located in the Market St., Thurston's Gallopers being especially well patronized. Some of the old inhabitants say it has been the fullest feast ever known in Swavesey.

Where I grew up. Part I of 2: The site

What luck: - I grew up on a farm. This was in the small village of Stow Bridge in the Fens to the west of Downham Market in Norfolk. It was named Hill Farm because the OS map shows it at 2m above mean sea level whereas the surrounding land is between -1 and -2m below mean sea level. The single road through the village runs along the top of a roddon which is the dried up bed of a former Fenland river. The parish was drained in the second half of the 17th century and as the peat surface fell on de-watering and oxidation the silty bed of the river dried up and remained in place, leaving the ridge of high ground on which the main buildings in the village are located. Because of the serious risk of inundation by the sea, the surrounding high quality land is kept efficiently drained to a low level by the Middle Level Main Drain and the river Great Ouse, with very powerful pumping capacity at Wiggenhall St Germans where the two meet.

The large farmhouse, which had three flights of stairs, and the associated, extensive, neatly designed complex of farm buildings were built in 1847 as one of the satellite farms for the Lord of the Manor. There was stabling for a large number of heavy farm horses. However, in 1903 it was ruled that county councils should purchase land to let as smallholdings to try to stem the exodus from the countryside and in 1904 Norfolk CC made its first purchase of 91 acres at Nordelph, about 7 miles to the south west. In 1919 Hill farm was compulsorily purchased from Sir Thomas Hare of the Stow Estate and the buildings and land divided up among 6 main tenants. Our family of seven had the front part of the farmhouse with the biggest rooms and the entrance drive sweeping up to the large front door with its beautifully decorated leaded glass facing the main flight of wide stairs. A family of six occupied the rear with two flights of stairs and the servants' quarters. There was plenty of room for 13 to live comfortably in the original house. Our part included the pantry with rows of shelves which was down several steps in the middle of the house and always cool inside plus a scullery, washhouse, coal house and the dairy. The other family had the original kitchen with lots of cupboards and a narrow flight of stairs leading up to several small servants' rooms. They also had a tall pump immediately outside their main entrance, but I cannot remember it ever pumping water. There was no cellar, presumably because the water table was not far down.

The servants' stairs also joined on to the roof space of the eastern range of the farm buildings and that is where the mice came into the house. We often heard

then squeaking and scuttling around between the floor boards or up in the roof and during winter months if we set a trap with a piece of bread or cheese on the floor in the cupboard where I kept my clothes, we could catch a mouse on most nights. One night mother told father she felt a mouse run over her foot in the bed and when he told her she was daft she caught it and put it on his chest. There were many rats on the farm of course but I never saw one inside the house apart from the occasional one brought in by the dog.

Two of the other tenants lived on the other side of the farm buildings in houses built in the 1920s and two more lived further up the village. Each tenant had around 60 acres of land which is a tiny area by today's standards but because it was a Grade 1 mixture of peat and silt a good living could be had by growing high-value crops such as potatoes, strawberries, onions and sugar beet with cereals as a break crop.

Selwyn, Meridian Distribution Mgr.

Creme egg brownies (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

185g unsalted butter
185g dark chocolate
85g plain flour
40g cocoa powder
3 large eggs
275g golden caster sugar
6 crème eggs cut in half

Method

Preheat oven to 160C/Gas 3. Grease a 20cm (8 inch) square baking tin. Melt the butter and dark chocolate together either in the microwave or in a bowl over boiling water.

Break 3 eggs into a large bowl and tip in 275g golden caster sugar. With an electric mixer on maximum speed, whisk the eggs and sugar until they look thick and creamy, like a milk shake, and the mixture doubles in volume. This can take up to 10 minutes.

Pour the cooled chocolate mixture over the eggy mousse and then gently fold together.

Hold a sieve over the bowl of eggy chocolate mixture and sift the cocoa and flour into it. Gently fold in the mixture.

Pour into the baking tin and cook for 15 minutes then take out of the oven and gently press the crème egg halves cut side up into the mix, spacing them evenly apart. Put back into the oven for another 5 to 10 minutes. Leave to cool before removing from the tin and cutting into squares.

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RAIN SLEET SMOG SNOWSTORM
SUNNY THUNDER TSUNAMI WINDY

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Sudoku

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VILLAGE NEWS

Swavesey Festival
6th to 13th June 2020

After a successful Festival in July 2018 and a plea for new members, Swavesey Festival 2020 has a new committee! Fingers crossed we can continue the fabulous hard work of existing committee's and seek guidance from them when needed.☺

The new committee is detailed below:

Chairperson- Lisa Boyes

Secretary- Nicole Mullee

Treasurer- Jane Handy

Supported by Sarah Thorneycroft, Matthew Clarke, Jane Christian, Gill Hurst, Matt Innes, Lynda Mayer, Liz Errington, Marian Bentley, Shirley Stokes, Dave Hackshaw & Paul Twinn.

Quite a number of residents contacted us to offer help but were unable to attend meetings. It really is appreciated and we would love to get you involved in some capacity.

The Committee is keen to ensure that the Festival is enjoyed by the whole village and is currently researching new fundraising ideas for this year and 2020.

A theme of "All Around the World" has been agreed for the events in Festival week. This gives you plenty of time to put your thinking caps on for the popular Scarecrow Competition. It is hoped that we can run a café at the Memorial Hall after the success of the 1940's one in 2018, along with the popular Open Gardens and many more ideas☺

The 100 Club is a continual fundraiser for the Festival and at present we have 78 members. If you are feeling lucky and would like to join, the cost is £9 per quarter and with a monthly draw of 3 prizes (£60, £30 & £15). The application form can be downloaded from http://swavesey-festival.co.uk/100-club if you would like further details and an application form.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook, Website and Twitter Feed for further news of up and coming events.

The Festival 2020 Committee

www.swavesey-festival.co.uk

Ann Shepperson

Ann, who has died at the age of 85, was widely known and respected for her work on behalf of the community in Swavesey. She was born at Ickleton, Cambs, on 18 March 1933, the eldest of four children. Her father was a railway clerk at Great Chesterford whose job took his family to Isleham in 1936 then to Six Mile Bottom in 1943 where Ann passed exams to attend Cambridgeshire County High School. In 1948 they moved to Swavesey when father was promoted to Stationmaster. Swavesey Young Farmers was a very active club which she joined and soon became the secretary, a position she held for several years.

Ann sat her school certificate in the summer of 1949 with the intention of going on to teach Domestic Science. Her father had other ideas and on the day before the last day of term he announced that there was a Railway entrance exam the next day and he had put her name forward. He was earning about £4 a week and more money was needed to keep the family of six, so Ann reluctantly took the entrance exam which she passed and was put on the Swavesey Station payroll. She was forever disappointed that she didn't have a chance to say goodbye to her schoolfriends or pursue the career she wanted. She earned £1 a week, which went straight to mother but after her next birthday she received an extra 5/- in her wages and was allowed to keep 2/6.

Her ability was soon recognised, and she became a Relief Clerk which mainly involved travelling to sort out problems at many stations which had run into difficulties in various departments. By the end of 1958 she moved to Lincoln where her father had been upgraded to and spent a time in Lincoln accounts and correspondence department where nothing seemed to have been dealt with for months. In February 1960 Ann came back to Swavesey to marry John Shepperson from Boxworth End Farm. She was a farmer's wife for the rest of her life.

Besides looking after John, she helped around the farm, including tractor driving. One of her most important tasks was the book-keeping and the professional farm accountant said she was so good that he would readily give her a job with his firm. She looked after a flock of chickens, up to 100 at any time. Several villagers regularly bought their eggs from the farm. Ann put the money away until she had enough to buy life membership of the National Trust.

Throughout her married life she was active in several different organisations in the village. One of these involved helping with meals-on-wheels. The meals were brought in to Boxworth End Farm and Ann worked out the roster. In the early 1970's Ann became the President of the WI and the Swavesey representative on the WRVS. In 1981 as President she planted a tree on Market Street green to commemorate the wedding of Prince Charles and Diana. Unfortunately, the tree died a few years later.

The Swavesey and District History Society was founded in the mid 1970's and Ann soon became the treasurer of the Society. Later she organised several excellent annual outings for members. She remained an active member for most of her life. Ann also became treasurer of the Swavesey Conservative Association in the mid 1960's and continued in this role for about 40 years.

Ann and John regularly attended St. Andrew's Church with Ann joining the choir for a time. She helped to organise the Annual Harvest Supper and provided her home-made wine and her excellent shortbread for the New Year celebration. John still has some of her wine in his loft 40 years later!

She began to have mobility issues by 2010 and had to gradually give up her commitments around the time of Ann and John's Golden Wedding. Ann died peacefully on 8 January 2019.

Sheddit — Breaking news !!!

One month into the development of a new charity, which targets the serious issue of loneliness and isolation in older people, especially men, the show is almost on the road. (see links below).

We have named it Sheddit! which refers to both making all sorts of things in a shed, and shedding the loneliness and depression.

A number of machines have already been donated (see website below) to add to the many tools that we have been given by some generous donors. Added to which we have a number of willing supporters who are happy to loan tools and machinery and more especially, to provide skills and training.

With the help of some amazing people in the village chief among them Sue Ellington, Linda Miller and Liz Davy (Development Officer - Communities and Partnerships) in the SCambs council, we have potentially found a venue to work from.

To see what we have been up to:-
Website: https://sheddit.co.uk
Facebook:page:https://www.facebook.com/Sheddit-375599489898975/notifications/
Contact Phillip Cohen 079 574 22292 or Greg Veit 078 345 11428

LIBRARY NEWS:

We suffered a major computer failure in February. Our apologies to readers who were inconvenienced.

Our Lego event had 66 Participants thanks to all who took part

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. Come and join us. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters

It was wonderful to celebrate Christmas with all our young visitors much fun and activities ensued. Thank you for coming

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

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Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first and third Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

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Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**		
Jacqui Fuller	**230774**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
John Pook	**230978**	**Doug and Lorraine Hunt**	**232478**

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

SWAVESEY DRIVERS NEEDED

OWLS Community Car Scheme provides a valuable and much needed service to those people living in Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey who need to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys, but are unable to access other means of transport.

Unfortunately we have recently lost the services of a couple of Swavesey drivers for personal reasons so need to recruit more to keep up with the growing demand for journeys. Could you offer to do about 4 journeys a month? You say what days/times you are usually available in a week but there is no pressure to accept journeys if you are busy doing other things.

Drivers use their own cars and receive 45p a mile (30p from client +15p from C.C.C). Additional insurance cover is provided by Cambridgeshire County Council. Volunteers also have to undergo a DBS (formerly CRB) check.

PLEASE ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 for an informal chat, without commitment.

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

Star Shine Night Walk – Saturday 18 May: a special memory walk with an 80s twist! Grab your torches, dust off your crimpers and find your neon leggings! We are winding the clock back and adding some Saturday night fever to our annual memory walk!

Gather your friends and family and decide on the 6.5 or 10 mile option. Starting at 8pm from Shelford Rugby Club. Register now at starshinenightwalk.co.uk or call 01223 675888.

For information about many more events see their website at:
www.arhc.org.uk/events.asp

The Children's Society 2018

In Swavesey we continue to support the Children's Society and in 2018 we were able to send £1411.20 in support of their work which was 50 years old last year.

The majority of this money comes from the individual box holders who donate money to her/ his charity box throughout the year. This money is collected annually in March/April time and this year amounted to £1188.44. This is the foundation for our giving and I thank all those people who collect in this way - large and small amounts together make for a very welcome total towards the help of young people in this country.

The other fundraising event is the ever popular Christingle Service which is held in St Andrews church on the first Sunday of December at 4.30pm. The service was very well attended by young and old and this year a total of £222.76 was sent after this service.

A very big thank you to all those who supported this charity again in 2018
Jacqui Fuller

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Smoking Cessation ***(Extract from Swavesey Surgery Newsletter)***

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that smoking cessation advice is available at Swavesey Surgery.

If you are thinking about giving up smoking our Practice Nurses will be happy to discuss the options available to you. You will have regular follow up appointments with the nurse to support you, which can be arranged at intervals to suit you.

If you do not smoke, or have recently given up, then we would be pleased if you could contact us to amend your record.

To make an appointment please ask at reception, or telephone the surgery on 01954 230202, you will need a 20 minute appointment

Withheld Telephone Numbers ***(Extract from Over Surgery Newsletter)***

We would like to bring to your attention that we are unable to contact you by phone if your phone does not accept withheld numbers. The Surgery telephone number is withheld for your confidentiality. We are also not able to prefix the number with 1570 due to the upgrade of the telephone lines to SIP.

Please can you ensure that you advise reception if your phone does not accept withheld numbers and provide another contact number such as a mobile if you have requested a call.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
NEW CLASS!	Rock School Rockets	guitars, drums	beginners
11am – 12pm	SMS Community Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Now in its 9th. Year!

Check out our new class: RS Rockets
Also, SMS Community Orchestra, open to all ages; adults, parents: why not pick up that instrument from youth and join us on a Saturday morning? Email for more information and to check availability.

£4 per session!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET
BALLET AT OVER PRIMARY SCHOOL
THURSDAYS
AGE 3+ -17
CLASSICAL BALLET WITH FULLY TRAINED,
QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED TEACHER
ASSOC. MEMBER ARBTA ;MEMBER BDQT
DBS CHECKED "PREVENT" TRAINED
DETAILS www.abmschoolofdance.co.uk
CLASSES ALSO IN GIRTON HISTON & COTTENHAM

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am.
Family with one child, £3.
More than one child, £4.
Under 6 months. £2.

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups". A great chance to meet local parents.

Sudoku

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Scouts
1st Swavesey

1st Swavesey Scout Group: New Year and some new leaders!

As many of you may be aware, our two long standing cub leaders decided to step down from their roles at the end of last year. It was with great pleasure (and a little relief) that three people have volunteered to take on the running of the cub pack, and have proved amply up to the task.

By coincidence all sections chose to make use of our dark winter skies this term and work towards the Astronomer Badge; culminating in a highly anticipated trip to the Cambridge Observatories.

Beaver Scouts have also been working towards their Experiment and Health & Fitness Badges. This has involved performing a range of experiments; from investigating how our heart rate changes with exercise, growing mould from dirty hands, and by far the most appreciated was making chocolate ice cream using salt ice.

Cubs have been taking part in Astronomy themed crafts, games and quizzes, and amazing the new leaders with their knowledge! Pancake Day saw the Cubs making (and eating!) their own pancakes, with lots of sweet and sticky toppings.

Scouts have also been doing their Astronomy badge with various activities and finished it off with the visit to the Institute of Astronomy in Cambridge. In the second half of the term we are doing the Global Issues badge which will hopefully be very exciting.

All sections meet consecutively on a Tuesday evening, usually in the scout hut at the SVC, although you may see us on adventures around the village or further afield as the light evenings return. For more information or to enrol your child, please contact the appropriate section below:

Beavers (ages 6-8) marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

Cubs (ages 8-10½) janet.stones@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

Scouts (ages 10½ -14) jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Start the summer with a new skill - join a leisure or adult learning class at Swavesey Village College.
Adult learning courses offer the chance to explore an interest, skill or hobby, develop specialist skills you can use in business and are a way of meeting people and enjoying learning. Here at Swavesey Village College we offer a wide variety of different courses & workshops, come and join us.

Get creative with Painting Urban Scenes in Watercolour or Upholstery

Active classes available include:
Legs, Bums & Tums, Tai Chi (Beginners Welcome), Pilates & Yoga.

Saturday workshops will be running on 22nd June including Drumming up Wellbeing, Authentic Indian Cookery, Woodwork, Dichroic Glass Making Jewellery, Positive Parenting and many more....

Discover new skills for work with our Skills for Moving Closer to Volunteering & Effective CV Writing sessions.

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call us on 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

Swavesey Parish Council
Website:- www.swavesey.org.uk

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Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 10th April 2019 – 7.30pm

Swavesey Memorial Hall

Your opportunity to hear reports from and ask questions of the Parish Council, its committees, village charities and other village organisations, both for the past year and the forthcoming year.

County and District Councillors and representatives from our Neighbourhood Police and NHW Scheme will also be present to take any questions.

Further information will be published on posters around the village nearer the date.

Please do come along to the meeting to learn more about your village.

We look forward to seeing you on 10th April.
Swavesey Parish Council

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News January February 2019

COUNTY COUNCIL

The PC has submitted a Local Highways Improvement Bid to extend the 30mph zone and include a 40mph extension to Rose and Crown Road. We await a decision.

The PC will be raising concerns about the increased number and size of Mick George lorries moving through the village with the County Council, they have undertaken to visit and monitor the site for compliance with planning approvals.

Our County Councillor wrote to say she has raised the need for a weight limit for lorries going through the village.

The PC continues to press for better signing and management of heavy lorries into the village and down Ramper Road, resulting from the A14 closures.

The water main replacement between Fen Drayton and Swavesey continuing down Cow Fen and Lairstall Drove is underway and work will affect Market Street and beyond from April 8th until early May. The section of the High Street from Taylors Lane to Market Street will be delayed until the A14 junctions are clear to avoid heavy vehicles using difficult diversions.

DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Sue Ellington reported on major changes in the senior management structure of the District Council from Chief Executive downwards. By the time the Meridian is published there may be more news of the appointments to the vacant posts.

The DC rates are due to rise by £5-00 for the coming year and the Council are to use £3 million of their £6 million reserves towards the budget for the coming year.

A14 IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The PC continues to monitor the impact of traffic on the village and concerns about the junction and road closures and is aware of residents' particular problems which are taken up with the A14 team

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS

The Chairman attended a Neighbourhood Policing meeting in January. Residents attending commented on the lack of communications from the police to residents as to follow ups to incidents. Police reported that overall numbers of police officers are now rising significantly.

VILLAGE MATTERS

New trees and benches are being provided on Market Street Green.

A big thank you to all the villagers and others and to the football clubs for the filling of the shrinkage cracks to the green carried out in February.

COUNCIL NEWS

DRAINAGE

The Mare Fen drainage works are unlikely to commence until after August.

The Public open space in the centre of Priory Avenue and Carters Way has long term drainage issues. The PC now has advice from a drainage company as to a way to resolve the issues. This will enable the project to carry out work to form a public open space to proceed.

PLANNING

The SCDC replied to the PC about their concerns as to contentious planning applications not being put before committee, but being decided by the chair of planning and officers. This prevents the PC making their views known directly to Council Members. The PC was not satisfied with the reply and will continue to raise this problem.

Bushmead Homes consulted both the PC and the village on the Reserved Matters outstanding on the site at 130 Middle Watch comprising of 70 new homes. They responded to the PC's initial objections to three storey buildings. In addition, the PC noted that the development company was closely linked to a major housing association which would take over management of the site and the affordable homes. There remain concerns about resolving drainage problems on the site but the PC were encouraged by the Bushmead approach to the development.

The PC is relocating one of the BT red telephone kiosks in an enhanced open space project to the side of the Memorial Hall. A planning application is to be submitted to take account of the location in the conservation area.

A number of planning applications have been considered and approvals and other decisions noted. (Please see the full details on the PC website and minutes of meetings)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Village Design Statement is being submitted to the District Council. Stakeholder groups are being consulted on progress.

FINANCE

The Parish Precept was set at £69,000.00 meaning a Band D property will pay £71.88 per year, a rise of £4.99. The increase will cover increases in ground maintenance costs on the greens and football pitches, administration costs and top ups to earmarked reserves where funds have been spent in previous years.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL, 7.30pm, MEMORIAL HALL

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

Well the world changes and we all have to try to keep up. During this week as I write Heidi Allen - our MP - has resigned the conservative whip and South Cambs District Council Chief Executive has agreed to leave. I hope by the time you read this life will have settled back into normality but somehow I doubt it.

Heidi has proved herself a good all round MP , working to help her constituents regardless of their politics. I am sorry she has made this decision but I value loyalty and integrity more than anything else so I am sure the conservatives will pick themselves up and find another candidate ready for any election which may occur. I am also sorry that the South Cambs Chief Exec will leave her post on March 1st but I am even more concerned that the director of housing left last summer, the chief finance director left at Christmas and now South Cambs has one director who will be acting chief exec until posts are filled.

As I have previously reported I am interested in creating ways of reducing social isolations or Loneliness - I am delighted to report that I have been in contact with Phil Cohen and Greg Viet who are working towards starting a 'Men in sheds' project. For those who don't know this is a project where men can work together doing 'men's things' in the same way that women have craft groups. We think we have found a 'shed' which will allow those with wood ,metal or things to repair to do their thing, learn from each other and get out of the house. I am sure you will hear more in the near future.

Empty property tax - it has been agreed to increase the council tax charged by South Cambs for empty properties. If the property has been empty for 2 years the council tax will be doubled and if the property has been empty 3 years it will be trebled in the hope that more houses will be brought back into use. There will be exemptions such as prolonged probate or tied cottages.

The Lib-dem administration at South Cambs District Council are undertaking a review of all the services, and are working towards four key priorities in their business plan:

- Economic Development
- Homes that are affordable for everyone to live in
- Climate and Environment
- A 21st Century Council

I am sure we will learn more about how these priorities are to be addressed over the next few months.

At the Council meeting in February the budget was discussed and accepted by the council. It involved a reduction in the reserve from £6million to £1 million and the resolve to raise £3 million over three years through investment.

The council has decided to aim to reduce the council's carbon footprint to zero by 2030. This will include more electric recharge points, reduction in the use of plastic, and increased criteria for house building and energy saving measures.

Air Quality is also a priority so there will be an increase in monitoring points to determine key areas to be targeted.

As always - if I can help phone me on 01954 202923, or07774146331. Or you can email me at Cllr.ellington@scambs.gov.uk

Sue Ellington
District councillor Swavesey, Fen Drayton and Lolworth .

The Neighbourhood Plan
Two birds, two stones

What ever happened to Boaty McBoatface? It won the polls to name a new ship, yet it was overruled. And then there's the other 'B' word. So much for modern democracy I hear you say. Well I hope we've done what you asked us to do, let me explain…

The Neighbourhood Plan group have spent nearly two years engaging with residents and community groups on where new developments should be focused and what new developments should look like.

We've received few responses on 'where', this wasn't a surprise given the number of applications for new development the village has received. Ideally, we need a 20 year plan so the residents can shape how the village grows. As this is the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan we look to review the 'where' later in the year.

Fortunately you've given us plenty to work with on the 'what'; characteristic's the village wants to retain, protect and enhance. This has matched the remit of the Village Design Statement (VDS) funded by South Cambridgeshire District Council. Professional architects have been commissioned to work with us to formulate our policies and design principles, and to write the VDS in a context that planners and developers understand.

The VDS will be verified and supported by the SCDC Design Enabling Panel to ensure our policies are consistent with those in the Local Plan. At the time of writing we've submitted a draft VDS to the Design Enabling Panel for review.

When the VDS is ready for consultation, we will notify you via the Swavesey Parish Council website and other connections when the consultation period is open for comments. Following successful conclusion the VDS will be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document. This could be in effect from as early as summer this year.

Thank you for reading. I'll be back.

Vicki Bidwell (on behalf of the Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan group)

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www.sacredheart-stives.org.uk
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Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

Lilies for Easter

Do you have a loved one that you want to remember at Easter? St Andrew's Church will be displaying lilies in remembrance of departed loved ones as part of the Easter Festival display. If you would like to purchase a lily for £5 and have your loved one commemorated on the scroll, please contact Diane Herrington on 230984 by the 7th April.

St Andrew's Church News

Church News

In January the 4 churches in our Benefice interviewed for the position of Priest in Charge. We are delighted that the Revd Dr Simon Gill has accepted the position. Simon is married to Sallie and has two adult children. Simon is currently the Priest in Charge at All Saints Sudbury. Simon's licensing to the Parishes of Lonstanton (including Northstowe), Over, Swavesey and Willingham will take place on Sunday 19 May at 4 p.m. We are looking forward to welcoming Simon and Sallie to our villages and getting to know them. Simon and Sallie will live in the vicarage in Over but we will no doubt see plenty of them in Swavesey.

As ever church life is a mix of joyful and sad news. During February we were privileged to be chosen to host a service for the Cambridgeshire RAF Cadet Association. After a march through the village and a salute taken by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, a service took place where the cadets renewed their Cadet Promise. The service was attended by over 300 members of the RAF Cadet Association. Sadly, as many of you will be aware Ann Shepperson passed away on 8th January. Ann was a great supporter of the church and served in many ways. Ann will be sorely missed and our thoughts and prayers go to John and their family and friends.

As I mentioned in the last edition, we have been awarded a Heritage Lottery Grant for the replacement of the stolen roof lead and repairs to some of the high-level masonry. As I write this article the contractor has just completed the erection of the scaffolding both inside and outside the Chancel along with protection works. As you read this hopefully the works will be significantly advanced. If you visit the church please be aware that the work is taking place and we ask that you take extra care.

It will shortly be Holy Week and the most important time of the year for the church. We will be providing services throughout Holy Week culminating with our Easter Day service of Holy Communion at 11:00. Everybody is most welcome to attend our services as we remember Jesus's Passion and Resurrection.

For the last two years, from Easter Day, we have displayed lilies in the Lady Chapel that have been purchased to remember loved ones that have died. We will be providing this service again this year. If you would like a love one to be remembered then please contact Diane Herrington on 230984 for further details by 7 April.

Events

Snowdrop Walk - Thank you to all of you who braved a very sharp January wind to enjoy the snowdrops and winter aconites in the gardens of Priory House on Sunday, January 27th. Tea, coffee and cakes were enjoyed in the church where snowdrops were also on sale. We raised £360 for our church funds. Our thanks go once more to Jeremy and Gillian Newsum for so generously allowing us to share their gardens and enjoy their flowers.

Teddy Bear Zip Wire Challenge and Hot Air Balloon Ride: June 8th: 2 – 5pm
Yes, it's time to start training those toys again! Rumour has it that the event will be even more challenging this year as the wire stretches from the church tower to the car park again. Start acclimatising your teddies now so that they will be ready for their balloon ride to the heights! Our Soft Toy Medics are already signing up for their refresher courses and will be in attendance as usual to check every participant's health before they are cleared to fly. As always, a certificate will be presented to every successful pilot. There will be other activities for children inside the church and refreshments will be available.

Wind in the Willows: Sunday, August 4th
Following the very successful performance of Alice in Wonderland last summer, we have booked the same theatre group to perform Wind in the Willows in the church on August 4th. Keep the date free and look out for more information nearer the date.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Easter at Bethel

BACKPACKERS

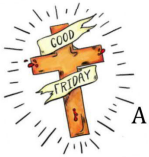
An Easter Holiday Club for primary school children
Travel with Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem and explore the events of his last week on earth.
(Contact admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk for more information)

Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th
10:00am to 12:30pm

MAUNDY MEAL

An informal meal to remember, share and celebrate the Last Supper.
Followed by a time of reflection. Suitable for all ages.
(Contact admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk to book)

Thursday 18th April
6:00pm



GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS

A time of quiet reflection and prayer on
The Seven Words from the Cross
Friday 19th April
3:00pm

EASTER MORNING SERVICE

Join with us as we celebrate Easter morning in praise and worship. The service will include a family communion.

Sunday 21st April
10:45am

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

113 Middle Watch, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RP.

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE

(including activities for children of all ages)

All are Welcome

10:45 am weekly

First Sunday in the Month

Join us for "Church Around the Coffee Table" at 10:45am.
Why not come and try it?

Second Sunday in the Month

Our Morning service at 10:45am is followed by a themed "Prayer Gathering" at 1:00pm. Soup and Rolls is served!

Third Sunday in the Month

Join us for our Communion service at 10:45am, and Sunday Sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Visit our website for up to date information on our monthly prayer gathering, and other regular or special events.
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

Contact: Tel: 01954 230458

For pastoral issues, and enquiries about events and activities: contact:
Revd. David Mann or email: **minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk.**

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship
3rd Sunday of the month	08:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 a.m.	All Age Service with Baptisms
5th Sunday of the month	10:30 a.m.	Joint Benefice Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Team Administrator or the Churchwardens:

Priest in Charge (Interim). Telephone: 07970 949331
Revd Jenny Hill Email: revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk

Team Administrator. Telephone: 01954 203459
Gillian Beal. (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00) or
Email: admin@5folds.org.uk

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events, please contact either of the churchwardens:

Mr Iain Campbell. Telephone: 01954 230019 or
Email: IainJ.Campbell@sky.com

Mr Martin Herrington Telephone: 01954 230894 or
Email: ms_herrington@yahoo.co.uk

For details of our Youth Group, Branches, or Sunday School Services, please contact:
Mrs Elizabeth Street Telephone: 01954 or
Email: street.el@virginmedia .com

St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children's Services

At present, we do not have a Sunday School for younger children but we have a range of "Busy Bags" hanging at the back of the church which contain books and activities for children under 11. Young people over 11 are very welcome at Branches, our youth group, which meets during the 11 a.m. service on the first, second and third Sundays of the month to study the Bible and discuss a range of subjects. There is an All Age Service on the fourth Sunday when the children join the main congregation.
Contact Elizabeth Street: Telephone 01954 232358
street.el@virginmedia .com

Bell Ringing

We have a bell ringing group that rings weekly before the 11:00 a.m. service. If you are interested in bell ringing please contact the churchwardens in the first instance.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.
Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or
Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Events Group

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both the young and the not so young. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know about the events please see our notice boards at the church or contact our events leader.
Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774
Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat.

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	A voluntary group who meet on the first Monday each month to set out the vision for Swavesey and the planning policies needed to manage development according to the wishes of the local community. **See** http://www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/ **or Email:** clerk@swavesey.org.uk for more information
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). care-network.org.uk/
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- www.swavesey.org.uk/village-link/swavesey-library
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Sgt Phill Barrett phone 07786981380
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguiding, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Dave Morrison on 07469 170318 Secretary - Colin Baker on 0797 6636771 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet on Tuesday at the Scout Hut on the SVC site Beavers - 16:45 to 17:45 Contact: Marian Bentley Email: marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Cubs - 18:00 to 19:15 Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk Scouts - 19:30 to 21:00 Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other Scouting issues Contact: Jim Burling Email: jim.burling@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged 2 – 4 years) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone 01954 273312 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details see: www.swaveseyms.co.uk

Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Russell Fear on 01954 202846.
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert Bond 01954 201645 RBL or robert.bond4@ntlworld.com
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113) Email graham.waites566@btinternet.com
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	Located at Swavesey Village College. Swavesey Fenland Squash Club offers team, league and friendly squash matches and has clubnights, tournaments as well as racketball. For details contact: Brian Chapman 07982 658614 Jamie Tuffee 07807 968768 Chris Ramsdale 07906 671340 Details of the club including contact details can be found at: www.fenlandsquash.co.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Global Resources Centre, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Church 9-30 to 11-30 am. Beginners always welcome. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 Email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Nathalie Balzano: nathaliewoodward@hotmail.com Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

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Doctor's Surgery (Over)	01954-231550	
Police:		www.cambs.police.uk
Emergency	999	
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Swavesey Neighbourhood Watch	07830 110062	www.swavesey.org.uk/neighbourhood-watch/
Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312	preschool@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk
Swavesey Primary School	01954-273312	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/
Swavesey Village College:	01954-230366	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk
Community Office	01954-230373	
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South Cambs District Council	0345 045 0500	www.scambs.gov.uk
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Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800-111999	www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas
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Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	08457 145145	www.anglianwater.co.uk
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0845 988 1188	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
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Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954-780027	www.villagevet.co.uk
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954-210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk

The Five Pub Challenge

2019 edition!

Sunday 12th May

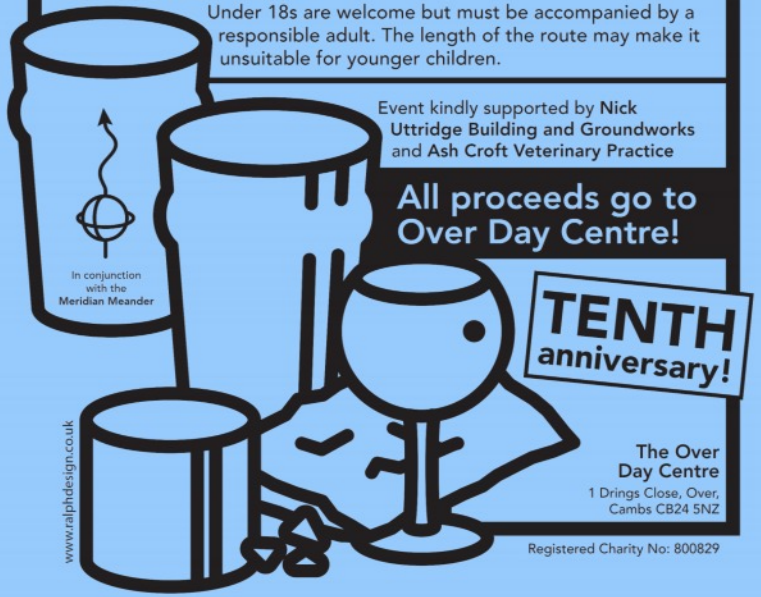
Meet at Over Day Centre for bacon rolls, tea, coffee, and 10.30am start, then a 12.5 mile walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to **The Pike & Eel**, then **The Ferry Boat** (for free soup and a roll), and on to **The Three Tuns** (free cone of chips if you get there before 2.30pm) and **The White Horse** (free choc ice to cool you down) before returning to **Over Community Centre** for free homemade cake & finisher's certificate.

£10 entry fee in advance, or £12 entry on the day from 9.30am.

Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from *www.overdaycentre.co.uk* or telephoning **01954 231807**.

Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.



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All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

The Over Day Centre
1 Drings Close, Over,
Cambs CB24 5NZ

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The Meridian Meander

CHALLENGE EVENT

Sunday 12th May 2019

Fancy the challenge of a long distance walk or run whilst helping to raise funds for a local older persons charity?

Join us for one of the **Meridian Meander** circular routes of **18** or **26 miles** in length!

Both routes follow the valley of the River Great Ouse, passing through historic St Ives and its picturesque surrounding villages.

Registration opens at 8.00am and closes at 9.00am at **The Over Day Centre**.

Free light refreshments will be provided at checkpoints on the route. Finish at **Over Community Centre** for a certificate and free piece of cake!

In conjunction with the **Five Pub Challenge**

Detailed route instructions will be sent in advance by email. Entry is £10 per adult and £5 per child (under 18).

To enter, please email: amsdjb@yahoo.co.uk

Closing date 8th May. **NO ENTRY ON DAY**

All proceeds go to Over Day Centre!

Any questions? please contact Allison Box: amsdjb@yahoo.co.uk

Event kindly supported by **Nick Uttridge Building and Groundworks** and **Ash Croft Veterinary Practice**

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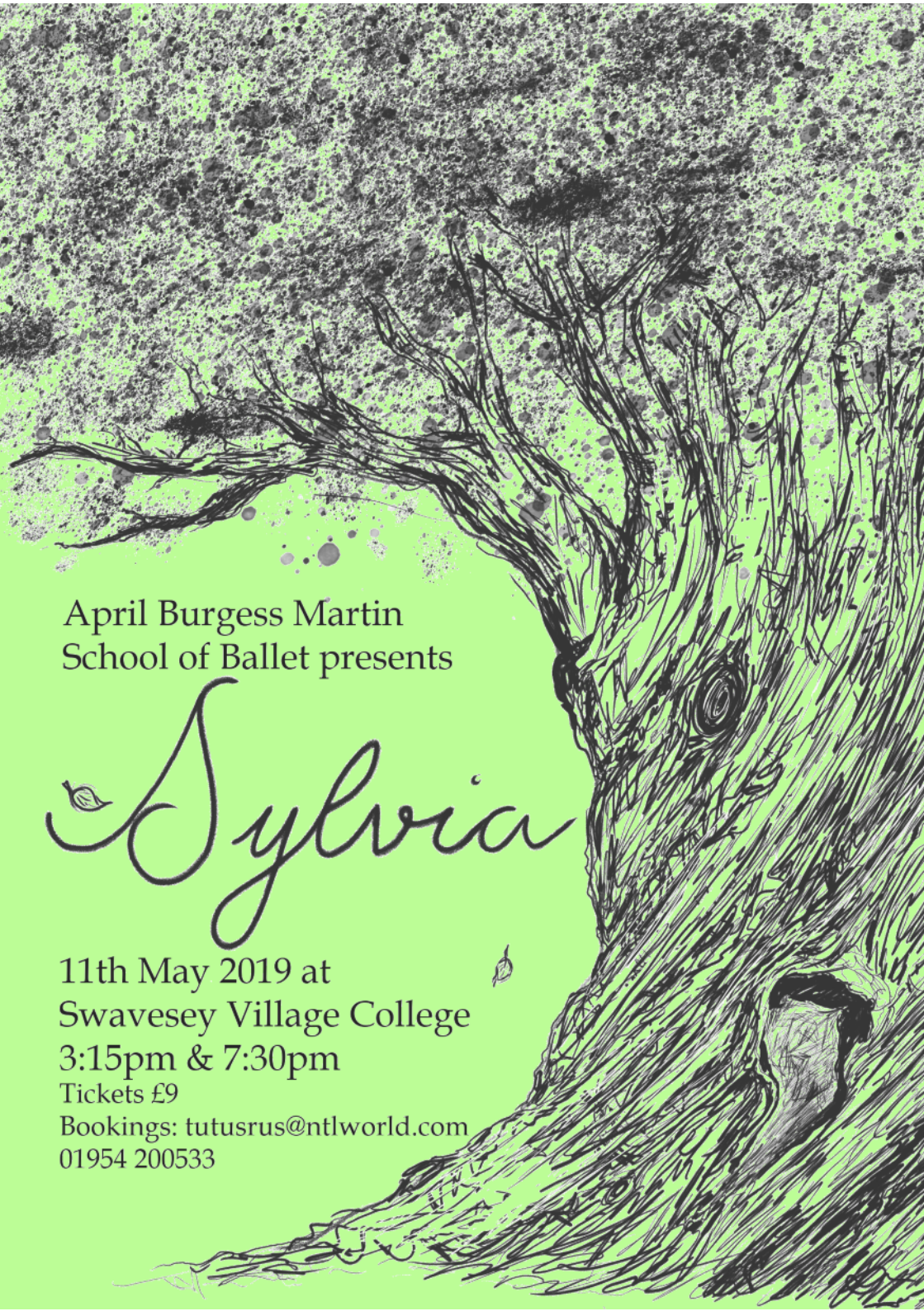
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